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SUBJ: TRAVELS OF PRC FOREIGN MINISTER

1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS MAY 31, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG AND MFA US AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG TOLD USLO OFFICERS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA WOULD VISIT THE NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, AND ZAIRE (NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER) ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE UN SPECIAL SESSION. NO DATES WERE GIVEN.

2. THE HAGUE IS ONE OF THE FEW WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS NOT VISITED LAST MONTH BY VICE PREMIER KU MU, AND HUANG'S STOP THERE MAY BE DESIGNED TO FILL THIS GAP. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PARTICULARLY BURNING ISSUES IN SINO-TURKISH RELATIONS, BUT HUANG'S VISIT TO ANKARA COULD BE TIMED TO PRECEDE PREMIER ECEVIT'S PLANNED VISIT TO MOSCOW, WHICH PEKING PRESUMABLY VIEWS WITH DISFAVOR.

3. THE VISIT TO ZAIRE IS POLITICALLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, SINCE THE PRC HAS BEEN A MAJOR VOCAL
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SUPPORTER OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER THE INVASION OF SHABA BY "SOVIET-BACKED MERCENARY TROOPS."Z NOT ONLY HAVE BEKING MEDIA GIVEN FULLL PLAY TO ALL REPORTS TENDING TO TIE THE INVADING FORCES TO THE CUBANS, BUT PEKING HAS ALSO IMPLICITLY ENDORSED THEDISPATCH OF THE FRANCO-BELGIAN RESCUE FORCE TO LOLWEZI. A MAY 28 PEOPLE'S DAILY COMM-

ENTARY FAVORABLY REPORTED THE FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT
MEETING AND ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AN AFRICAN
SECURITY FORCE. FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG'S VISIT
WILL BE DESIGNED TO HELP SHORE UP MOBUTU'S PRESTIGE,
AND WILL PERHAPS INCLUDE A PROMISE TO USE CHINA'S
INFLUENCE TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO
STRENGTHEN ZAIRE'S SECURITY.
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